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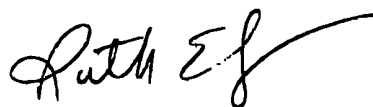
28. The composition of claim 24 wherein said hapten is a nucleic acid.

29. The composition of claim 24 wherein said hapten is a lipid.—

REMARKS

Applicants submit that the newly added claims thus do not constitute new matter. As to claim 24, see Applicants' specification at, for example, page 6, lines 3-7; page 12, lines 17-21; page 28, lines 24-27; and page 29, lines 1-4. As to claim 25, see, e.g., Applicants' specification at page 12, lines 20-21 and on page 16, lines 2-6. As to claim 26, see, e.g., Applicants' specification at page 28, line 27. As to claim 27, see, e.g., Applicants' specification at page 14, lines 11-13; page 16, lines 19-21, and page 28, line 27. As to claim 28, see, e.g., Applicants' specification at page 21, lines 22-27 and page 22, lines 1-3. As to claim 29, see, e.g., Applicants' specification at page 12, lines 6-9.

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